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Northwest Amateur Radio Society

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Lunch Break - North

Apr 17 Jason's Deli
Apr 24 Adriatic Cafe
May 01 Sweet Tomatoes
May 08 BJ's Restaurant
May 15 Gianna's
May 22 Spring Creek BBQ
May 29 Mi Rancho Grill & Bar

Saturday Breakfast:

Saturdays at 7 am
Denny's 6504 FM 2920 @ TC Jester
(west of Kuykendahl)

Lunch Break - Medical Center

Apr 17 Vieng Thai Restaurant
Apr 24 Southwell's Hamburger Grill
May 01 Silver Palace Chinese Buffet
May 08 Niko Niko's (BW-8 & I-10W)
May 15 Antonio's Mexican Grill
May 22 Jason's Deli
May 29 Buffalo Grille

Monday Lunch (was Taildraggers lunch):

Mondays at 11 am; Goodson's in Tomball

Next Meeting: Friday, April 19th

Satellite overview

- Friday April 19th, 2019 at 7:30PM
- Klein Fire Department Administration, 16810 Squyres Rd., Klein, TX 77379.

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Meeting Location

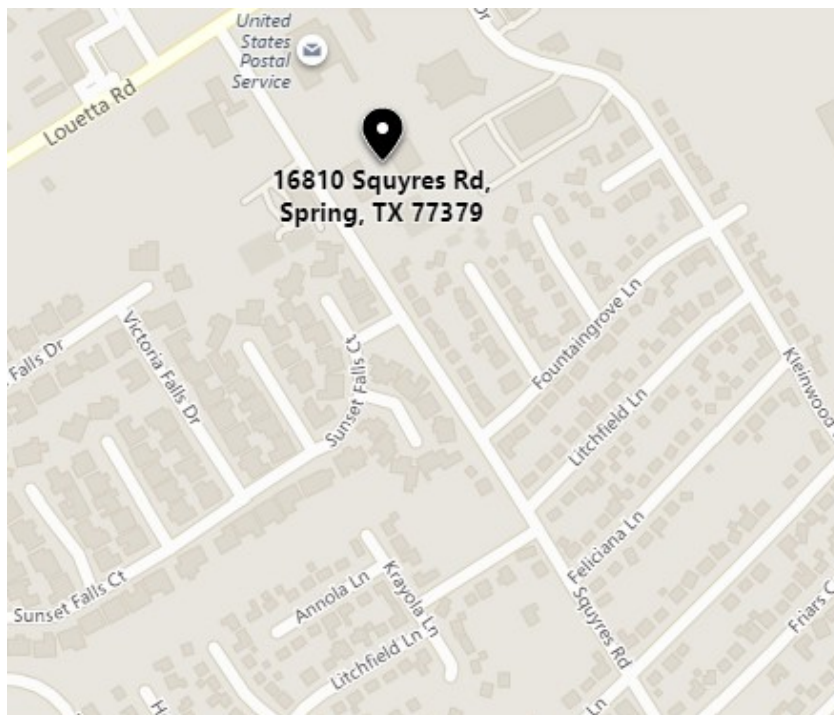
We will meet at Klein Fire Department Administration, 16810 Squyres Rd., Klein, TX 77379. It is located behind Klein Fire Station 4.



Picture from <http://kleinfiredept.com/services/stations/headquarters>

The Board wishes to thank the Klein Fire Department for the generous offer allowing NARS use of their facility.

LOCATION MAP — 16810 Squyres Rd.



President's Corner Ron Matusek, WA6TQH— April 2019

Field Day is in planning stages. The board has considered a couple options this year and has brought those options before the general meeting for discussion and decision on direction we will take. Option #1 we have reserved the Burroughs Park. This means all activities will be outdoors rain or shine. Option #2 utilize our current Club meeting location at the Klein Fire Department HQ Building. In the general meeting the vote was to request approval from Klein Fire Department to use this meeting facility for our Field Day operations. I met on April 8th with the Harris Co. ESD No. 16 Commissioner's at their regular board meeting to discuss the details of having a NARS sponsored Field Day activity at the Klein Fire Department HQ Building. I received overwhelming approval from the Commissioner's and so we will move forward in our planning of this event. I want to say on behalf of NARS Officers and membership a very special thankyou to Commissioner Mike Pate (and NARS board member) for helping us gain the approval to hold this event.

Field Day is always a popular event with NARS members. This event is open to the General Public and ALL amateur radio operators. The Coordinator for Field Day this year is Larry Hill. He is looking for volunteers to assist in planning. We need a team to provide leadership for the CW, phone and GOTA stations. It would also be nice to have someone set up a station to communicate via satellite. These activities need support from others good at providing power and antennas. If you have an interest in any of these FD activities, be ready to join the coordinator in planning FD. Also, consider being the coordinator. You will gain valuable information and experience. Keep an eye on the reflector as more information will be released over the next few weeks.

Club Repeater. We have heard your concerns and after several months of pondering options and planning a course of action, **The NARS 146,66 - 141.3 repeater is back on the air!** Our NARS Motorola Repeater however needs repair or replacement. The good news is the H.A.M.S. (Houston Amateur Mobile Society) group has given us a loaner.

This what we found with the NARS repeater:

- Repeater had a "Failed Rx" light on and the "Tx Lock" was off.
- Antenna was broken in the middle and unusable.
- The coax (Hardline) had a failed splice.

These items were fixed and H.A.M.S. (Houston Amateur Mobile Society) loaned us a repeater which is now operational and sounds good.

A Huge THANK YOU! To the team comprised of Marty Fitzgerald – W5MF, Keith Dutson – NM5G, Walter Holmes – K5WH and Wayne Wright KA5QDG.

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Actions which need immediate attention going forward are:

- a. Is the old repeater repairable, or is this a replace decision?
- b. Do we even have enough information currently to decide?
- c. What kind of potential cash outlay is involved?

VE Test Sessions

Please note the VE Session results, as posted elsewhere in this copy of the newsletter. We have sessions scheduled for the fourth Saturday of each month, except for December (Christmas). This year we will hold VE Test Session at our June 22nd Field Day Event in the Board Room of the Klein Fire Department HQ Building. We also have one or more special sessions each year, to support ham classes held about two times per year.

Please also check out our calendar as we have some very exciting programs coming up you will want to be sure to attend.

Ron Matussek, WA6TQH President, NARS



Opportunities to Serve

We need some new help for the Wednesday 2-meter Rag chew Net. It could be staffed by one person or more than one person could split the responsibility. It is a good opportunity to mentor new hams.

DMR Training

If you are interested in obtaining a copy of the Video of each Session please bring a USB stick (estimate 3GB per session) and we can make a copy available to you to download on your USB stick with a NARS donation of \$6.00 per session. You can sign up at the meeting. Many have requested this as a helpful tool to refer back to when programming radio's and other general information related to DMR. This video is NOT planned for wide public publication so take advantage of this opportunity.

NARS .66 repeater

It was interesting listening to Keith, Marty, and Walter on Saturday, March 16th while the repeater was being repaired. We listened to the progress on the TDXS repeater. The following repairs were made:

- The repeater was replaced with a loaner.
- The antenna was broken in the middle and unusable, and therefore replaced.
- The coax (hardline) had a failed splice and was repaired.

Thanks go to W5MF, K5WH, NM5G, and a special thanks go to Wayne Wright, KA5QDG, and the entire H.A.M.S. group because the NARS 146,66 141.3 repeater is back on the air!

APRIL MEETING

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MARCH MEETING RECAP

WSJT-X FT8 JS8CALL presented by Marty Fitzgerald.

Congratulations

- James L. Crockett - New Technician
- James R. Clark – New Technician
- Johnny L. Alexander Jr. – New General

Saturday, March 23rd

We had 3 candidates taking 5 tests.

Element 2 tests given: 3; passed 3

Element 3 tests given: 1; passed 1

Element 4 tests given: 1; passed 0

Thanks to the VE's in attendance:

Martin Rogoff N5GPS, Sheree Horton KF5LMJ,
Cindy Grant KM4YGG, Stephen Protz KA5AUD,
Sam Labarbera K5AMF.

And to Ron Matusek WA6TQH , NARS ARRL VE Liaison.

Special points of interest:

- Next VE Session April 27th, 2019; 8:15 am at Tomball Regional Hospital

NARS WEBSITE: W5NC.NET
E-Mail Reflector: mailman.qth.net.

NARS now has a new address!

Please update your address list!

Northwest Amateur Radio Society
P.O. Box 11483 Spring, TX 77391



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Conference Center West Entrance

6922 Katy Road

Houston, TX 77024

V.E. Exams every 4th Saturday of the month at 9:30 a.m.

Contact: Mark Landress, WB5ANN@arrl.net for further info.

Welcome, Congratulations, and Condolences

NARS Info

Board Meetings

The board meetings will be at 6:00 on the same date and at the same location as the general membership meeting, except for January due to the NARS award banquet.

General Membership Meetings

3rd. Friday each month at 7:30 pm. — EXCEPT January Banquet
Located at Klein Fire Station Administration, 16810 Squyres Rd., Klein, TX 77379. Located behind Klein Fire Station 4.

Annual Membership renewal

The time has come for everyone to renew your membership with NARS for 2019! All dues are paid annually, during December and January.

Membership dues remain at \$20, \$25 for family, and \$12.50 for students.

Fill out our membership application form and send your membership dues to the NARS P.O. Box. PLEASE MARK AS RENEWAL. Alternatively, you can submit your application and payment in person to the treasurer at one of our gatherings or next general meeting which are held the 3rd Friday of the month.

This past year NARS has provided the following events with the help of your membership:

- Award Banquet
- Successful field day, 2nd place in 2A South Texas.
- Digital Mobile Radio (DMR) classes.
- Volunteer Examinations.
- Monthly meeting on interesting topics like WRTC, Houston's Buffalo Bayou, and the Texas QSO Party to name a few.

This year, we hope to accomplish even more, with your help. However, we couldn't do it without the generous contributions of members just like you!

NARS name tag

Weekly 2m Net

Wednesdays at 8 pm.
Monitor Reflector for Current Repeater.
Coordinator: Jerry Whiting KB5VGD
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Weekly DMR Net

Tuesdays at 7 pm.
Monitor Reflector for Current Repeater.
Coordinator: Ron Matusek WA6TQH
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